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or: MOTORIZED COVER SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: GP-302609 (GM0348PUS)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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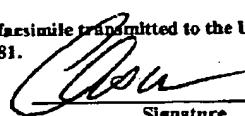
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Remarks

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect to prosecute Group I, figures 1a-1d, with traverse.

The various embodiments shown and described share a common utility, and substantial structural features. Each of the embodiments shown and described have the following structural features that are essential:

a cover movably connected with respect to the vehicle for covering a compartment in the vehicle;
at least one motor connected to the vehicle; and
at least one linkage operatively connecting the cover to the motor, the at least one motor being operable for moving the cover between a closed position and at least one open position.

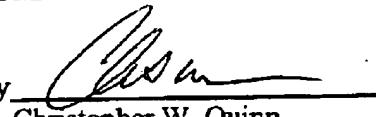
The embodiments all have a common utility - "moving the cover between a closed position and at least one open position" via a motor.

The claims of Group II, namely claims 12-16, 21 and 27, differ from the claims of Group I only in that the linkages are arranged differently.

Therefore, the restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. Elected species I corresponds with claims 1-11, 17-20, and 22-26, each of which read upon the embodiment of figures 1a-1d. Claims 1-9, 11, 18-20, 22-26 are generic.

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